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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[USCG-2013-0901]

Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Reynolds Channel,
Lawrence, NY

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

SUMMARY: The Commander, First Coast Guard District, has issued a temporary deviation from the regulations governing the operation of the Atlantic Beach Bridge, mile 0.4, across Reynolds Channel, at Lawrence, New York. This temporary deviation authorizes the Atlantic Beach Bridge to operate under an alternate schedule for 29 days, to complete bridge rehabilitation.

DATES: This deviation is effective from December 2, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket are part of docket USCG-2013-0901 and are available online at www.regulations.gov, inserting USCG-2013-0901 in the "Keyword" and then clicking "Search". They are also available for inspection or copying at the

Docket Management Facility (M-30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Atlantic Beach Bridge, across Reynolds Channel, mile 0.4, at Lawrence, New York, has a vertical clearance in the closed position of 25 feet at mean high water and 30 feet at mean low water. The existing drawbridge operation regulations are listed at 33 CFR 117.799(e).

A temporary deviation for the drawbridge operations (78 FR 56610) is currently in effect. During ongoing rehabilitation of the bridge the contractor discovered more severe damage than originally anticipated, resulting from Super Storm Sandy in 2012. The owner of the bridge, Nassau County Bridge Authority, is requesting additional bridge closures in order to complete the bridge rehabilitation.

The waterway has commercial and seasonal recreational vessels of various sizes.

Under this temporary deviation the draw of the Atlantic Beach Bridge at mile 0.4, across Reynolds Channel shall operate as follows:

From December 2, 2013 through December 31, 2013, the bridge shall operate a single span on signal at 6 a.m., 12 p.m., 4 p.m., and 8 p.m. and at any time between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. The draw shall open both spans at all times for commercial vessel traffic after at least a 48 hour advance notice is given by calling the number posted at the bridge. The draw may remain in the closed position between 12 a.m. and 5 a.m. on December 3, and December 4, 2013.

The Coast Guard contacted all known commercial waterway users regarding this deviation and no objections were received.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(e), the bridge must return to its regular operating schedule immediately at the end of the designated time period. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.

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